Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The many poor and uneducated Catholic children of Ireland inspired Nano Nagle to found the Presentation Sisters in Cork, Ireland, in 1775; and,

WHEREAS, 175 years later, a call came from Dakota Territory bidding Presentation Sisters to come west to teach the Sioux Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Several Sisters braved the call and, after a tumultous series of starts in Wheeler, Dakota Territory, Deadwood and Fargo, the Aberdeen Community of Presentation Sisters formed in 1886; and,

WHEREAS, In Kilmallock, County Limerick, on the Isle of Green, a venturesome young lass heard the call of God to go to America and to serve the people of God and, in 1927, Sister Maurice Crowley set foot and heart in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, For 58 faith-filled years, Sister Maurice Crowley has forwarded the cause of Christian education, ministering to every conceivable need of children of all ages...pre-schoolers to adult; and,

WHEREAS, People of all ages and graces have been uplifted by her wit and fancy and enthusiasm for all things Irish and otherwise; and,

WHEREAS, March 17 is well established as the day to celebrate the Irish (and to be Irish):

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 17, 1988, as

SISTER MAURICE CROWLEY DAY

in South Dakota, and I join the people of this state in congratulating Sister Maurice Crowley and thanking her for her years of selfless service as an educator, and wish her many more years of happiness and inspiration among the people of God in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE